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The weekly missionary 'family' dinner after Friday afternoon prayer

A New Season

Let's take a look at all I got to do before this school semester ended in late September. From visiting another prefecture, going on a church retreat, and giving a speech in Japanese!

First Semester: Done!

Finally, after 6 months, my first semester of school here is complete, it was by no means an easy task, but that's simply to be expected as one is learning a new language!

I was blessed to have this school recommended to me by one of our church leaders here in Japan. I have to say, I recommend it too! The classes are a bit smaller since the total number of students is less than 150, but I believe that makes for a more personalized learning experience. All the teachers are friendly, but strict enough to keep you moving forward! With the help of those great teachers, I got to do 2 great things; participate in the school wide speech competition, and end this semester with all A's! Which also led to me (along with a few other classmates) moving up to the next class level for this next semester. Click here to watch my speech from late July. With God's help, I took 3rd place! If clicking the above link doesn't, work here it is to type/copy into your browser: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sMiKKZ018RE



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Giving a speech at the JET Academy Speech contest, and this semester's result sheet!

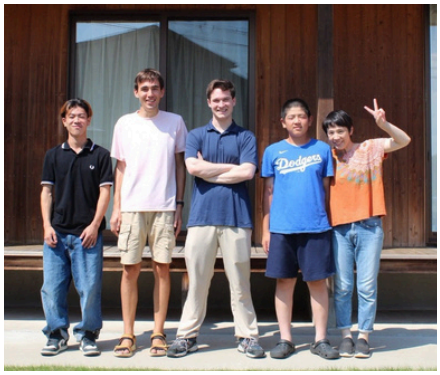




A collage of our Disney bithday trip

Don't tell anyone!

While it's sure than missionary work can be difficult, especially in the language learning phase, that doesn't mean that we are restricted from having any fun! I was blessed to be able to go to Disneyland in Tokyo for my birthday. Well, actually, it was several people's birthday in August so it was a group birthday outing. I may not be a die-hard Disney fan but I still had a blast spending the day with my church family, and yes, even enjoying some rides as well! Since, from Tokyo, Disneyland is only an hour away by train, and considerably cheaper than it's U.S. counterpart, some Japanese people even go several times a year.



The Nakagawa family and my Japan Tent homestay partner Stephen



I made the host family one of my favorite recipies: 'Easy Cheasy Chicken Enchiladas'



The event also offered several cultural experiences of which playing the Japanese stringed 'Shamisen' was one!



Sharing the time honored U.S. tradition of making smores

Faith Events in Japan!

While studying Japanese, and attending many language learning events, it's not lost on me the reason behind it all. The reason to study the language is to more effectively reach the Japanese people for Christ, the first step in reaching anyone is knowing how to communicate with them! To that end, I also attend any chance I get Japanese faith events, which praise God have been increasing in Tokyo. Through these events you can experience what praise and worship, messages, and even faith looks like for the Japanese people, all tools to better equip oneself in preparation for a life of evangelism.

I often think of Acts 17:22-33 where Luke describes Paul preaching to the people of Athens. Several times we see that Paul was not ignorant of what was going on in that city and what the people believed. In fact, it even mentions Paul quoting Athens' own poets to further convince them of the truth of the gospel! This should certainly be a sign to us that we are not to be ignorant of other's beliefs and cultures, for I believe understanding those things gives you a foot in the door to share the gospel with them.

Language Learning Events

I'm also blessed that while taking schooling, as a student I am offered many opportunities to take part in language learning experiences. One of the largest being a homestay event I participated in late August, which for the better part of a week, I got to go stay with a Japanese family in Ishikawa prefecture. Which unfortunately was an 8 hour overnight bus ride away. At least I got to find out I don't sleep on busses! This is a rather large event with around 150 participants, all international students. We were all blessed by the organization that hosts the event, Japan Tent, which paid all our travel expenses! During the homestay, we got to participate in many cultural events and festivals, but my favorite times are the more personal experiences such as the family BBQ night we had, or the evening volleyball session at the local gym.

I've participated in 2 other homestays in my life, and I believe they are incredible experiences in both language and cultural learning, but also an unique opportunity to share life with another family, even if only for a short time. I got to explain, although perhaps in not the best Japanese, my reason for coming to Japan as a missionary and about my faith. I, of course, exchanged contact information with them, and will keep in contact with, and be in prayer, for them.



A few photos from the several faith/evangelistic events I've been attending, such as the UNITE conferences, and the AWAKENING Tokyo evangelism events.



Church retreat group photo



Being greeted by the Singaporean volunteer team



Enjoying a delicious homemade breakfast!

How Can You Help?

The number of Japanese Christians in Japan is less than 1%. There is certainly much work to be done here, and that's what I'm here to do. Alongside Word of Life Tokyo, we are reaching out to Japan everyday with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Beyond this, there is still a desperate need for discipleship for new believers and empowering native Japanese Christian leaders here. If advancing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Japan is something you'd like to see happen, please consider these ways to support the mission:

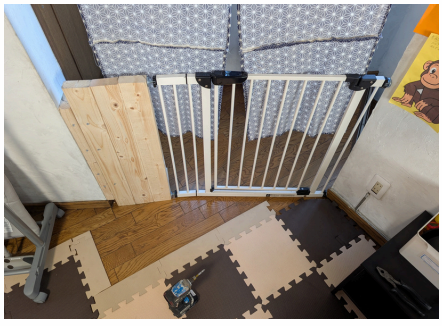
-Become a prayer partner by praying regularly for Japan
-Become a financial donor at japanmissions.org/donate
-Become a laborer, the harvest in plentiful! See you here!

A special thank you to all of our prayer and financial donors, without you this mission wouldn't be possible!

Church Retreat

In mid-August, Word of Life Tokyo was blessed by a Singaporean ministry and invited to an all expenses paid 3-day 2-night church retreat, an event meant to refresh, encourage, and equip growing churches in Japan. We had amazing worship sessions, faith-building messages, and practical ministry workshops on sustaining church growth and avoiding burn out. It was also an incredible time of growing deeper connections between church members, especially with the task we were given of splitting into 4 groups and each making a short story play based on a Bible passage! We are extremely greatful to this volunteer team, which not only worked incredibly hard making every one of our meals, but paid their own expenses to get from Singapore to Japan and back. This sacrificial act of service to encourage the church will always be remembered, and inspiring me to do the same!





I built a fence extension for the children's gate, and moved it so it wouldn't interfere with anyone needing to use the upstairs restroom







A few photos from the JET Academy class trip to the Tokyo National Museum

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